

REMARKS

In the Office Action, a requirement was made under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect the invention of either Group I, claims 1 and 3-9, drawn to an electronic system comprising a record, classified in class 700, subclass 8 and Group II, claims 10 and 12-18, drawn to a self-test method comprising simulating a fault condition, classified in class 714, subclass 25.

In response, the applicant hereby elects with traverse the invention of Group I, claims 1 and 3-9, to be examined on their merits. Although the invention of Group II, claims 10 and 12-18, is withdrawn from consideration herein, the applicant reserves the right to present these claims in one or more divisional applications.

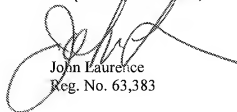
The restriction requirement is being traversed since it appears that, in contrast to the Examiner's assertion, both sets of claims overlap in scope and are obvious variants of each other with a common utility, namely an electronic system and a corresponding method providing for the ability to self-test the individual components of the electronic system. Hence, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement and withdraw it.

With regard to the applicant's traversing of the restriction requirement set forth in the office action under reply, it is to be understood that the applicant is not making any statement with regard to the distinctiveness of the two "inventions" identified by the Examiner.

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